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Jersey Shore's Endreson Family Share their Story as They Collect their Pick-6 Jackpot Millions

TRENTON, NJ - (July 24, 2014) – Today, Carole Hedinger, Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery, introduced the Endreson family as the latest multi-million dollar Pick-6 Lotto winners to the press and public. Winning and introducing winners is always an exciting event, but the Endreson family history and its size make the story even more unique and dramatic.

The deceased patriarch of the family, William Endreson, emigrated from Norway in the early 20th Century. As a young man, he frequented dance halls and clubs on the Jersey Shore in places like Asbury Park and Seaside Heights. It was during this time he met his bride-to-be Flossie Clark. Once the match was made, the Endreson's became parents to 19 children, one of whom died in infancy. They raised their 18 children in Ocean County in Seaside Park, where they lived happily and set down roots. William Endreson started his career as the Captain in a local fishery until he opened the doors to his own construction company in 1936. That business flourished and remains viable today headed by one of William's sons. As successful as their business may have been, Flossie still enjoyed the dream of winning the lottery. She would play the lottery in the name of the family and had done so for many years. She had a certain methodology with which she said she would split the winnings among the family. The children, especially her daughter Sigrid, would listen carefully to her mother's plan.

There were small wins along the way but the dream remained unrealized for Flossie. She passed away in 2004 at the age of 85. William was also nearly 85 when he passed away in 1999. When the devoted mother passed away, the siblings gathered and collected funds to cover expenses for burial and the honorary dinners held for their mom. Sigrid, a daughter and caregiver to her mom, realized that there was money left over from the collection. She once again began the lottery pool as her mother had done for so many years. It was these extra burial funds that won the Pick-6 Lotto jackpot of \$20.1 million. So in the end, Flossie Clark-Endreson did win the lottery, and as it was intended, it will be shared amongst her children.

The Enderson children range in age from 76 years old to 53 years old, 13 of whom still reside in Ocean County. One sister, Gudrun, passed away, therefore her children will receive her share. The split is not equal but it is based on mother's plan and wishes.

The winning Pick-6 Lotto ticket was purchased at 7-Eleven, 524 Lacey Road, Forked River in Ocean County. It was a quick pick ticket and only one game board was purchased for \$1.00. The winning numbers for the Monday, June 16 drawing were: 03, 12, 18, 34, 35 and 42.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$22 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In fiscal year 2013, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$1 billion. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

The lottery also plays a key role in supporting small businesses throughout the state with approximately 6,800 Lottery retailers. In fiscal year 2013, the Lottery retailers earned more than \$157 million in commissions supporting convenience stores and other establishments throughout the state. Every day, the Lottery helps to make winners by: providing entertainment and winning jackpots for lottery players; supporting the business community that serves as Lottery retailers and generating financial support for vital programs and organizations in our State.

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